

# The registration threshold

Big changes for small charities



## Background

Last summer, Communities Minister Gordon Lyons agreed to introduce a new **registration threshold** for charities.

This will set the financial level at which a charity must register with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Right now, nothing has changed - all charities must still register. But smaller charities may want to keep an eye out for updates in coming months!



## How should my charity prepare?

If you're a small charity, your trustees may want to start considering the options available to you.

**Not yet registered?** Think about whether registration is right for you, including the pros and cons, what registration involves and how it may support your work.

**Already registered?** A de-registration option will be available in the future - your trustees may wish to consider if this is appropriate.



## What will change?

Once the registration threshold comes into effect:

- charities with annual income of £20,000 or less, **and**
- assets of £100,000 or less

will not have to register or submit annual reports and accounts to the Commission.

Charities may still decide to register with the Commission, even if they are below the threshold.



## When will the threshold start?

The Department for Communities is progressing the regulations needed to bring the threshold into force.

Once the regulations are live, we will provide guidance on how the changes will work in practice.

To **stay informed**, keep an eye on the Commission's website - **charitycommissionni.org.uk** - for updates and alerts.